Camping
- The area has two group campsites and 15 single campsites. The sites cannot be reserved in advance and are first come, first served.
- Fees for group and single campsites are posted at the campgrounds; no camping in parking lots. No camping in the Rock Garden.

Respect Wildlife
Penitente Canyon is home to many animals. When you see wildlife, please:
- Don't follow or approach animals.
- Use appropriate equipment.
- Check route and equipment before climbing.
- Find out about permits and practices. If you use a guide make sure they are permitted for the area you plan to climb.

Stay Safe
Safety is your responsibility. Know your limits and come prepared for the area's changing weather. All recreational activity is at your own risk.

Mountain Biking
Follow the International Mountain Bicycling Association's Six Rules of the Trail:
- Ride on open trails only
- Leave No Trace
- Control your bicycle
- Always yield the trail
- Never scare animals
- Plan ahead

Plan Ahead
- Use established trails to reach climbing areas.
- Don't monopolize routes.
- Follow the Leave No Trace principles for climbing.

Other Amenities
Drinking water is available at the well house near the entrance to the area, typically May through October.

Trail Etiquette
Cross-country travel on BLM lands is prohibited (except for hiking and horseback).

Volcanic Field
Between 20 and 30 million years ago, the Volcanic Field between 20 and 30 million years ago. The 18 volcanic eruptions that took place in the San Juan volcanic field between 20 and 30 million years ago. The largest of these eruptions spewed 1,000 cubic miles of ash 27.8 million years ago, creating a huge underground chamber. Rocks covering the chamber collapsed to create the La Garita Caldera.

History
Ancestors of the Utes, Jicarilla Apaches and Puebloans have left evidence of time spent hunting and camping here. Some of the earliest Native Americans left scattered pictographs (painted rock art) throughout these canyonlands (the largest concentration in the San Luis Valley). Please leave all rock art as you find it. Do not touch, walk on, climb on, or disturb it in any way.
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Share the Trail
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Stay on designated trails!